Loyola College
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MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

Present at this meeting were Fathers Asselin, Moylan, Hoffmann and Stanford. Frs. MacPhee and Limoges planned to attend, but the former was called away to discuss with the architect the plans for the new Science Building, and the latter at the last minute had to record some music for the Play.

Since at the first meeting it had been decided to recommend that Theology consist of six half-courses, the question at this meeting was: what should these six be?

FR. HOFFMANN felt that the first year should be a general survey course in the first term, and one on the Sacraments in the second term. For the former, we might use Sheed's Map of Life, and for the latter, Howell's Of Sacraments and Sacrifice.
In Junior year, one course could be on Christian Living: Marriage, Asceticism, Choice of Vocation, Orders, the Social Apostolate; and the other could be a dogmatic treatise on the Church. He was not too keen on Karl Adam's Spirit of Catholicism as a text for this course, but felt that it would do.
In Senior year, there could be an introductory course in Scripture, using McKenzie's Two-Edged Sword. In the second term there could be Church History or something else. Options might be introduced in this year, but only in this year.

FR. MOYLAN felt that the Social Apostolate of the laity should definitely be part of the course. If this treatise were made a special course, then we should exclude Church History. This latter is an extra. He also added that since students find Howell so interesting, should not Theology start with it?

FR. ASSELIN suggested the following plan:
first year: Map of Life, Modern Youth and Chastity, Of Sacraments and Sacrifice.
second year: Dogmatic Course on the Church, and one on Christian Living, as outlined above.
Third year: an option on any two of the following -- Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Speculative treatise on Grace, a treatise on the Redemption, a more thorough (than Howell) course in Liturgy.

Since Fr. Moylan had to leave early, and only three of the six professors of Theology were present at the end, it was deemed advisable not to formulate any recommendations from the faculty of Theology at this meeting.